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FRIDAY MORNING

Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Aug. 22, delegates from the sister churches met as appointed at the New Life Church, and singing Zion's songs, and Elder Ernest Ward introduced the service and Elder Alex Stephens preached the introductory sermon from the 12th chapter of Revelation, and the 1st verse, "There appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed in the sun and the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head."

1. After which the delegates composing New Hope Association convened at the Banner schoolhouse for business together with the messengers from correspondent Associations of our faith and order, and singing old-time songs and heard a short exhortation by Elder Alonzo Wright, the moderator of Iron Hill Association, and prayer was offered by Elder Bert Conn. Then the presiding Moderator took charge. Elder B. W. Craft called upon the clerk, Elder Alex Stephens, to read the Rules of Decorum and the Moderator advised a strict compliance to same.

2. By move and second, to appoint T. Y. Martin, deputy sheriff, to see that order be kept while the Association is in session.

3. Appointed Elder Bert Conn, Bro. Sam Elkins, Bro. Jarvia Newsome to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith.

4. Moved to seat transient ministers of our faith, to-wit: Elder Alonzo Wright, Elder Glenn Arrowood, Elder S. F. Likens, Elder Clarence Adkins, Elder Fred Preston, Elder T. J. Smith, Elder Lafe Preston.

5. Called for letters and messengers from sister churches and received, to-wit: Prestonsburg—Elder Alex Stephens, Bro. Oscar Richardson, Bro. Bill Nelson were delegates

East Point—Elder Paris Music, Bro. Clarence Price, Bro. Calvin Sturgill were delegates.

4 Little Ella - Bro. Haskell Back,
Elder Frank McGuire were delegates.

Little Rock—Bro. N. P. Holbrook, Bro. Bill Hale were delegates.

Easter—Elder Oll e Walters, Elder Woots Turner, Bro. Chester Allen were delegates.

Chestnut Grove—Bro. Ed Manuel, Bro. Milt Holbrook were delegates.

New Hope—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Wm. Hall, Bro. Wm. Wallen were delegates.

Little Dove—Elder Ira Fields, Bro. Wm. Shepherd, Bro. Jim McSurley were delegates.

Cynthia Ann—Elder Johnnie King, Elder Ben Stapleton, Bro. K. F. Meade were delegates.

Clear Creek—Bro. Vernon Hall, Bro. Jack Moore, Bro. Wm. Boyd were delegates.

Little Union—Elder Ernest Ward, Elder Everett Daniels, Bro. B. W. Bentley were delegates.

New Life—Elder Bert Conn, Bro. Jasen Brown, Bro. D. M. Cann were delegates.

By motion and second the above named delegates seated as New Hope Association and by voice of the delegates Elder B. W. Craft was chosen Moderator, Elder Paris Mus'c, Asst. Moderator, Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk, and Bro. Wm. Boyd, Asst. Clerk for ensu'ng year.

7. Called for new churches and none responded.

8. Called for correspondent letters and messengers and received, to-wit:

Paint Union by the hands of Elder L. T. Preston, Elder F. F. Rigsby, Elder John Brown, Letter read and received and messengers seated by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Tri-State Zion, by the hands of Elder Leonard Walters, Elder L. W. Riffe, Elder Leonard Arrowood. Letter read and received and messengers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Mt. Zion, by the hands of Elder D.D. Ritchie, Bro. Jake Sutton. Letter read and received and messen-

gers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem, by the hands of Elder Nelson Hughes, Elder Alpha Davis, Elder Mose Marcum. Letter read and messengers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Blaine Union, by the hands of Elder C. R. Lyons, Elder J. T. Bailey. Letter read and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

9. By motion and second, we send letters and messengers to the above-named Associations and appointed brethren to write them, to-wit:

To Pa'nt Union, Elder Bert Conn.

To Tri-State Zion, Elder Frank McGuire.

To Mt. Zion, Bro. Wm. Boyd.

To Iron Hill, Elder Ernest Ward.

To Bethlehem, Elder Johnie King.

To Blaine Union, Elder Paris Mus'c.

10. Appointed on Bill of Arrangements for tomorrow, it being Saturday, to-wit: Elder Burt Conn, Elder Frank McGuire, Elder Johnie King, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

Be it understood East Point Church change its communion time to the second Sunday in June.

Also by request of Little Union Church we publish Elder Dan Jacobs in disorder.

11. Move for adjournment until tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Aug. 23, 1947, we convened at the Banner schoolhouse for business of the second day's session of New Hope Association, and brethren singing Zion's songs and a short exhortation was made by Elder Leonard Walters and Elder Leonard Arrowood offered prayer.

2. Roll call and a quorum present.

3. Bill of Arrangements read and received and the committee discharged.

4. Called for correspondent letters and read them and by motion and second received them and appointed messengers to bear them, to-wit:

Pa nt Union, Elder Johnie King, Elder Bert Conn, Bro. Wm. Boyd when convened with Fishtrap Church, Johnson county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1947, and the two following days.

Tri-State Zion, Elder Johnie King, Elder Alex Stephens, Elder Par s Music, when convened with Little Friendship Church, Johnson county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1947, and the two following days.

Iron Hill, Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Ernest Ward, Elder Everett Daniels, when convened with Westwood Church, Boyd county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1947, and the two following days.

Mt. Zion, Elder Bert Conn, Bro. Clarence Price, Bro. Milford Caudill, when convened with Brushy Fork Church, Morgan county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1947, and the two following days.

Bethlehem, Elder John'e King, Elder Paris Music, Bro. Wm. Boyd, when convened with Antioch Church, (Wayne county, W. Va.), to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1947, and the two following days.

Blaine Union, Bro. Wm. Boyd, Elder Bert Conn, Elder Johnie King, when convened with Beech Grove Church, Elliott county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1948, and the two following days.

5. Our next union meeting will be held with the Little Rock Church, Myrtle, Floyd county, Ky., to convene on Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1948, and the two following days, and Elder Ernest Ward, Elder Johny King, Elder Paris Music shall attend same.

5. Our next Conference meeting will be held with the Little Dove Church, Dwale, Floyd county, Ky., to convene on Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1948, and the two following days. Elder Alex Stephens, Elder Ernest Ward, Elder Everett Daniels shall attend same.

7. Report of our last Conference meeting held with Little Union Church, Garrett, Floyd county, Ky., which convened on Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1947, and the two following days, and at same time and place the delegates composing the conference unanimously agreed that the Little Union Church shall have our next Association, to convene on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in August, 1948, and the two following days.

8. By voice of the delegates, Elder Johnie King will preach the introductory sermon at our next Association, and Elder Ira Fields will be his alternate.

9. Treasurer, Elder Alex Stephens reports:

Left Over from last year	\$ 3.84
Received now	\$79.46

Total\$83.30

10. By motion and second, we have 600 copies of minutes of Association printed and the clerk shall superintend same and distribute same to the churches.

11. By voice of the delegates, for preaching tomorrow, it being Sunday, Elder Leonard Walters introduce Elder L. T. Preston, Elder John Brown close.

12. We tender our thanks to the New Life Church and the vicinity at large for their courtesy and kindness given our correspondent messengers and delegates these three days of New Hope Association. We also thank the teachers of Banner school for their school building for two days. We thank T. Y. Martin, deputy sheriff.

14. At which the Moderator called on the Clerk, Elder Alex Stephens, for the reading of present minutes which was done and by motion and second the work was received. This done and signed by order of New Hope Association.

ELDER B. W. CRAFT, Moderator
ELDER PARIS MUSIC, Asst. Moderator
ELDER ALEX STEPHENS, Clerk
BRO. WM. BOYD, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Aug. 24, 1947, a large congregation assembled at the New Life Church singing Zion's songs. Then came Elder Leonard Walters and gave a wonderful introductory sermon, and prayer was offered by Elder Johnie King. Then came Elder L. T. Preston and preached from the second chapter of Ephesians and the 8th verse, "For by grace are ye saved." Then came Elder John Brown and preached from the 14th chapter of St. John and the 15th verse, "If you love me, keep my commandments," and oh, how wonderfully these brethren were blessed with the spirit of preaching and we hope much good was done.

OBITUARY

Elige Porter, born Feb. 16, 1868, deceased October, 1945, aged 76 years. Joined the United Baptist Church and lived faithful until death. Loved the brothers and sisters. He is missed in the church at Dwale and by all the churches. He had a wonderful gift of singing and praying.

Written by his daughter, MRS. IRA FIELDS

OBITUARY

R. D. Holbrook, born May 21, 1853, deceased July 30, 1947, aged 94 years. He had 51 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren. He was an ordained preacher in the United Baptist faith on the third Saturday

in February, 1894 by his father, Elder Ben Holbrook, and Elder John Joseph, and his brother, Green Holbrook was clerk of the church, and R. D. held that preaching authority 52 years, only gave up at death. So, dear children, get on the train that father wasn't afraid but what she would land him safe on the other side. Funeral by Bros. Alex Stephens and B. W. Craft. Written by FAMILY.

OBITUARY

Garland W. Adams, Born Sept. 28, 1858, deceased Oct. 23, 1946, aged 88 years. Joined the United Baptist Church and was baptized and lived a devoted Christian life until death. He was loved by all who knew him and, dear children, let us prepare to meet dear, old Daddy where we won't be separated again.

Written by son,

BILL ADAMS

OBITUARY

Belle Gearheart Wallen, born Jan. 5, 1876, deceased Oct. 14, 1946, aged 70 years. She was a member of the United Baptist Church for 38 years. She passed away shouting the praise of God. She told all us children her suffering was over just as soon as Jesus called her and begged us all to meet her in heaven. Written by daughter, REBECCA ARNETT

OBITUARY

Elder Wiley K. Bayes was born in the year of our Lord 1866, deceased April 7, 1947, 81 years old, and was a minister of the gospel for 50 years. Served as Moderator of Chestnut Grove Church 35 years, was always faithful to his call. A warning to his dear children, if we ever see father again we will have to live for the Lord. Written by son-in-law,

BEE PRATER

OBITUARY

Bro. Albert Skeans, born June 1, 1894, died Jan. 1, 1946, aged 51 years. Joined the United Baptist church in 1918 and was baptized. Was a faithful

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NE

NAMES OF CHURCHES	DELEGATES
Prestonsburg	Elder Alex Stephens, Bro. Bill Ne Bro. Oscar Richardson..... Elder B. W. Craft, Wm. Hall, Bro. Wm. Wallen.....
New Hope.....	Bro. Wm. Wallen.....
Little Rock.....	Bro. Bill Hale, Bro. N. P. Holbrook Elder Ira Fields, Jim McSurley,
Little Dove.....	Wm. Shepherd
Easter	Elder Woodford Tabor, Chester Al Ollie Walters
Clear Creek.....	Vernon Hall, Wm. Boyd, Jack Mo
Cynthia Ann.....	<i>Eld. Johnie King. Bro. K. F. Ma</i> <i>Eld. Ben Stapleton</i>
New Life.....	Elder Burt Conn, D. M. Conn, Ja
Little Ella.....	Haskel Back, Elder Frank McGuin Elder Paris Music, Calvin Sturgill
East Point.....	Clarence Price
Little Union.....	Elder Ernest Ward, Everett Denie B. W. Bentley
Chestnut Grove..	Bro. Edward Manuel, Milt Homoro

Totals

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed	Restored	Excluded	Died	Total	Foot Washing Time
Nelson								4th Sun.,
.....	3	2		1	3	3	100	July
.....	1	1				1	54	1st Sun.,
.....								Aug.
ok.....	2		2	1	1	2	68	2nd Sun.,
.....						2	44	July
Allen,								3rd Sun.,
.....	4	1					17	June
.....								2nd Sun.,
Moore	2		1		1	1	45	July
made								4th Sun.,
.....	1		2	1			36	June
.....								3rd Sun.,
Jason Brown	4			1	2		102	July
.....								2nd Sun.,
quire.....	1					1	31	July
ill,								3rd Sun.,
.....	5						43	July
als,								2nd Sun.,
.....	1				2		19	June
.....								1st Sun.,
brook.....	6					2	117	July
.....								4th Sun.,
.....	30	4	5	4	9	12	678	June

member and is missed in the church. Dear children, if you ever expect to see father, live for the Lord.

ELDER BERT CONN

OBITUARY

Sister Elizabeth England, born Feb. 20, 1887, deceased December 5, 1943. She lived a devoted Christian life for 35 years in Chestnut Grove Church. She left nine children who are living in great hope of seeing mother again.

THE FAMILY

OBITUARY

We are sorry when we ought not to be to give up our baby, Jerry, But we know where our darling is, in heaven, and can't come back. But we can go to Jerry. Written by

MOTHER

OBITUARY

Bro. John Kilgour—I don't know his birth date, but according to the old record book of Chestnut Grove Church, he joined the church Feb. 24, 1897, deceased March 4, 1946. He lived a faithful Christian life and was loved by all who knew him, and by faith the writer expects by the grace of God to meet him.

MILT HOLBROOK

OBITUARY

Mabel Brown, daughter of A. J. and Lucy Brown, born Sept. 12, 1927, deceased May 24, 1947, aged 19 years, seven months and 24 days. She was afflicted with that dread disease, tuberculosis, but we are not worrying about her welfare in the great beyond. She was saved on her sick-bed and asked her father and Jack Akers and others to hold her and let her praise the Lord; called on all her brothers and sisters to meet her in heaven to see her with that long white robe on. Her funeral will be preached the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1947.

A. J. AND LUCY BROWN

OBITUARY

Fay Stanley, died Dec. 2, 1946, at the age of six years. She is survived by four sisters and two brothers, Haskel and Paul L., Maggie, Corrine, Geneva and Anna Lee. Another sister, Frieda Mae, followed her in death two and a half months later.

We miss our baby's company, but our loss here on earth is heaven's gain, for Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of God."

Sadly missed by her broken-hearted mother,

ELLEN STANLEY

OBITUARY

Frieda Mae Stanley, daughter of Sister Ellen Stanley, was born June , 1924, died February 23, 1947 at the age of 22 years and eight months. She told all her friends she did not have anything to worry about, she had a better home waiting for her. She said she saw Jesus standing in the churchhouse door letting little angels in and out and that she was going where she could be in meeting all the time.

ELDER EVERETT DANIELS

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government.

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent in the Association who shall be members they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches

certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communications among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in the union who shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz.:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and the earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His Church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

**NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS
AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES**

Elder B. W. Craft.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Wm. Hall.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens.....	West Prestonsburg, Ky.
Elder A. B. Dixon.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Andy Stephens.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Frank McGuire.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth.....	Bonanza, Ky.
Elder F. F. Smith.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder John D. Music.....	East Point, Ky.
Elder Paris Music.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder W. K. Bayes.....	West Prestonsburg, Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson.....	Ashland, Ky.
Elder Ollie Walters.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Ernest Ward	Garrett, Ky.
Elder Johnie King.....	Harold, Ky.
Elder Ira Fields.....	Allen, Ky.
Elder Jim Fields.....	Allen, Ky.
Elder Dan Jacobs.....	Wayland, Ky.
Elder Everett Daniels.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder Woodford Tabor.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Burt T. Conn.....	Dana, Ky.
Elder Ben Stapleton.....	Ashland, Ky.

